

2009 Earth Day Awards and SC Green Guide

South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control (DHEC)

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Earth Day Awards

Purpose of Program

DHEC will annually recognize SC citizens or businesses that have actively embraced the spirit of Earth Day through implementation of sustainable, environmentally-conscious practices or programs that improve or protect our state's environment

Award Categories

- Four categories of awards will be given:
 - **Large Business/Entity** (50 or more participants)
 - **Medium Business/Entity** (11 to 49 participants)
 - **Small Business/Entity** (two to 10 participants)
 - **Individual**
- Winners honored for projects or programs implemented in previous calendar year

Eligible Projects

- 2009 DHEC Earth Day Awards will be given for projects conducted during 2008
- Projects must:
 - Visibly document energy conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention or otherwise encourage environmentally-conscious practices
 - Demonstrate sustainability in application

Judging

- Entries reviewed by DHEC Earth Day Awards Committee
- Scoring based on degree project/program demonstrates “making Earth Day every day”
- Awards presented to top candidates in each category on Earth Day (April 22, 2009)

Information on Applying

- Deadline for 2009 awards is Feb. 13, 2009
- E-mail entries to:
earthdayawards@dhec.sc.gov
- Mail-in applications sent to:
SCDHEC – Commissioner's Office
Earth Day Awards Committee
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Online Resources

- Earth Day Awards Program Information

<http://www.scdhec.net/environment/earthday/awards.htm>

- Earth Day Awards Online Entry Form

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/earthday/docs/d-1039.pdf>

SC Green Guide

- New environmental magazine designed to help SC citizens “go green”
- Highlights in first issue:
 - Air is everywhere! So are the problems and solutions
 - It's just right to recycle
 - South Carolina's coastline provides opportunities, challenges
 - Safe drinking water: Who's responsible?

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- Other Information:
 - Compact fluorescent light bulbs
 - Protecting your home from radon
 - Tips for taking hazards out of household products
 - Ways to conserve water
- “Our environment. Our responsibility.”

Where to Find SC Green Guide

Online:

[http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/
library/ML-025396.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/library/ML-025396.pdf)

Hard copies:

Call 1-800-768-7348

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